

CHRISTMAS GREENS IN PROFUSION GIVE CITY A FESTAL AIR

Mistletoe, Dear to Heart of Maiden, Coy, Mingles With Bright Holly and Sturdy Spruce and Cedar.

A certain little Christmas green, to be exact, the "European" ornithaceous shrub with green dichotomously branching stems, thick green leaves, small yellowish flowers and waxy white globose berries...

Along with the oscillatory vine, great quantities of holly, laurel wreathing and pine, spruce and cedar trees are beginning to arrive from the north, south, west and even from across the seas...

EX-U. S. SENATOR INDICTED FOR INSURANCE FRAUD

Richard R. Kenney, of Delaware, and six others alleged conspirators. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 16.—Indictments charging conspiracy to defraud by use of the mails by the sale of fire insurance in fake companies, chartered in Delaware, have been found by the United States Grand Jury here against ex-United States Senator Richard R. Kenney and six others...

EXPLOITS OF COCO, AGED 14, GIVE FAMILY MANY THRILLS

Starts "for West" With Cash Box and Is Found in Cellar. "Coco Cola" Clark, christened plain Coia 14 years ago and renamed by his stepfather, Arthur Curry, a Germantown letter carrier, is in the House of Detention. At least he was at the moment of recording his latest escapades. Before they have time to thrill his seventh-grade pals Coco may be on his way to Siberia. He is elusive and rapid. He made an unheralded start for Frisco at 7:30 o'clock last night. At 11 his father phoned the police at 26th and Federal streets. "Get the kidnapers!" Out went an alarm.

At midnight Curry found the family cash box \$219 short. At 12:30 o'clock he phoned the police "Get the kidnapers!" At 1:30 a. m. Mrs. Curry found her son prostrate beneath the parlor rubber plant. She thought he had imbibed something stronger than his namesake, and called an ambulance. At 1:45 o'clock the vehicle clanged up to 1333 Mountain street, the Curry home. A minute later it clanged back—without Coco. Two o'clock had not struck before Curry found the cash box short another \$5, and the police phoned again. Reluctantly fixing the furnace an hour later, Curry saw a potato bag moving and then Coco doing likewise. Intercepted, Coco surrendered. With Anthony Valentine, 154 South Dorrance street, he said, he had started for the coast, but got only as far as Market street and the "movies." Valentine, searched at his home, surrendered when \$19 was found in his sock. He was at the House of Detention, too.

COLD CAUSES MAN'S DEATH

John Robbins, Believed to Be Philadelphia, Falls From Car. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 16.—John Robbins, who is believed to be a Philadelphia, met his death under the wheels of a Santa Fe freight car when his chilled hands lost their grip on the icy rods to which he was holding. Robbins had been working with a Union Pacific section gang until yesterday, when he was discharged.

DIES OF WOUND 21 YEARS OLD

Adam Richter Accidentally Shot Himself While Hunting in 1893. Twenty-one years after accidentally shooting himself in the knee, Adam Richter, 42 years old, of 217 Fitzgerald street, developed blood poisoning and died today at the Methodist Hospital, from a combination of diabetes and blood poisoning. Richter went on a hunting trip in 1893 and accidentally wounded himself with a rifle. Since then the wound has given him much trouble, but not until a month ago did it become serious.

For Christmas A KODAK \$6.00 to \$74.00 Brownies: \$1.00 to \$12.00 Haworth's Eastman Kodak Company 1920 Chestnut St.

TO HONOR BRUMBAUGH

Governor-elect Will Be Guest at Reception Tonight. A warm, personal tribute to his work as "schoolmaster" will be paid to Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh tonight by a committee of citizens, the University of Pennsylvania, the Public Education Association, the Home and School League and the Interchurch Federation. More than 500 men and women who have been associated with the Governor-elect in educational and church affairs will attend a banquet to be held in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford and will pay their respects on the occasion of his severing his connection with the Philadelphia public schools. John Wainwright will act as honorary chairman, and George Henderson will preside. The list of speakers includes, in addition to Doctor Brumbaugh, Mayor Blankenburg, ex-Judge Dinner Beeler, representing the Board of Education; Provost Edgar Fahs Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania; Joseph Swain, president of the Public Education Association; Mrs. Edwin C. Grice, of the Home and School League; Otto T. Mallory, representing the Playgrounds Association; Frank Spencer, Edmonson and Henry Houck, Secretary of Internal Affairs.

SANTA CLAUS LADY'S MAIL

Writers of 15,000 Letters Will Receive Gifts. Miss Olive May Wilson, who has taken charge of many of the Santa Claus letters received at the Postoffice, has announced that she will be able to distribute at least 8000 Christmas presents to the poor children of Philadelphia, and a good 7000 more to poor children outside of the city. The postal attaches have offered her the use of two big parcel post trucks, and they will start making the deliveries next Monday. Miss Wilson called upon Postmaster Thornton in the Federal Building this morning, and received an additional 1999 Santa Claus letters. Miss Wilson said that she had received letters from children in France, Germany, England and Mexico, but as yet no letters have been received from Belgium. She said, however, that there are so many poor children in America who need Christmas gifts that she could not attempt to send any abroad.

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REV. DR. RICHMOND PROMISES TO 'STARTLE CHURCH WORLD'

Francis A. Lewis Admits St. John's Parish Owns Property. Francis A. Lewis, one of those who preferred the charge of violation of ordination vows and unbecoming conduct against the Rev. Dr. George Chalmers Richmond, confirmed today the statement of the accused rector that St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church and not the Diocese of Pennsylvania owns the church property. This statement was made after Doctor Richmond had said that St. John's could become an independent church if the congregation so desired. Doctor Richmond, when asked if his church could become independent of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania should the ecclesiastical court decide against him, said St. John's, owning its property, could do as it saw fit along this line. Mr. Lewis refused to deny the church could act independently, but added that neither would he confirm it. He said the church would not care to become "publicly involved" in the controversy. Doctor Richmond withdrew all engagements he had made to speak previous to the time the charges were preferred against him. "I do not care to place any of the clergy in an embarrassing position with the Bishop and the remainder of the diocese. The engagements I have made since my being charged, however, I will keep. I am preparing a fight that will startle the church world. I shall carry it to the Bishop's own door. I shall explain things that were done against the best interests of my church and myself as far as three years back. And I have letters that will substantiate everything I shall say. I have not decided upon an attorney."

SKATERS' NARROW ESCAPE

Shotgun target practice by two men nearly resulted in the serious injury of two boys, who were skating on the meadow at 5th street and the old Reading Railroad this morning. The boys are Willard Campbell, 13 years old, 802 Buist avenue, and Victor Wentz, 13 years old, 624 Buist avenue. Edward Walters, 214 Edgewood street, and H. L. Frain, 412 Reinhard street, had been shooting at a target. A load of shot hit the Campbell boy, who escaped serious injury by putting his arm over his eyes.

OUT OF JAIL, GOES BACK AGAIN

Prisoner Recently Released Attempts Highway Robbery. George H. Bradley, who was liberated a few weeks ago from the Eastern Penitentiary, was returned to that institution by Judge Davis today, in Quarter Sessions Court, for a term of not less than two years and six months, nor more than three years, for attempted highway robbery on Dominick Coles, at Front and Pine streets. Bradley will also have to serve the balance of the sentence on which he was paroled. Lloyd Whitney, 757 Wood street, was sentenced to nine months in the county prison for the attempted larceny of a fur coat from A. Butler, 25 Queen street. Harry Woods, a Negro, was sentenced to nine months in the county prison for breaking into the newstand of A. Schreyer, 18th and Chestnut streets.

MACCRACKEN TO HEAD VASSAR

Young Professor Will Succeed Dr. James M. Taylor. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Dr. Henry M. MacCracken, emeritus chancellor of New York University, had another college president-elect added to his family yesterday. Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, his son, who has been professor of English at Smith College since February, will be the next president of Vassar, succeeding Dr. James M. Taylor, who resigned. The announcement was made after a meeting of the Vassar board of trustees. Doctor MacCracken is only 41 years old, and is a brother of John H. MacCracken, who is president-elect of Lafayette College.

'BILLY' SUNDAY CAMPAIGN WORKERS MEET TOMORROW

Total Expenses Estimated at \$47,040 by Committee. Plans were announced today for a meeting of the General Committee in charge of the "Billy" Sunday campaign tomorrow for the consideration of important business relating to the beginning of the work of the evangelist in this city on January 3. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Central Branch Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock. Among the important things to be considered will be the work already done by the subcommittees and the expense budget. William R. Nicholson, chairman of the Finance Committee, will present the expense account. This report will show that the cost for building the tabernacle, at 19th and Vine streets, will be approximately \$18,000, that the cost of the restaurant and rest-room building, which will include the nursery, will be about \$4000, and that the other general expenses for printing, office supplies and office employees and other expenses incidental to the preparations will be \$25,000. Further expenses anticipated, included in the budget as made up by the Executive Committee, bring the total to \$47,040. The committee wants it understood that not a penny of this amount is for the remuneration to Mr. Sunday. All he will receive in financial return for his ten weeks' labor here will be the free-will offering to be given on the last day of the campaign. Every effort will be made by the local committee to clear the expenses as quickly as possible after the campaign begins, as they want Mr. Sunday to be free for his best work. Next Monday there will be a mass-meeting of clergymen of the city at the Central Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Representatives of the Executive Committee will be present to explain in detail the plans for the campaign. This meeting will begin at 12:30 o'clock.

C. H. S. STUDENTS WARNED

Christmas Celebration Threatened If They Use Noisemakers. Alarm clocks have been declared "contraband" by Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson, president of the Central High School. Unless the students agree to keep clocks and toy bombs at home, there will be no Christmas celebration on December 24. Students agree Doctor Thompson means what he says. It will hold class and section presidents responsible for the order. Heretofore the Christmas celebrations have timed of the Fourth of July, but this year students have come to the conclusion that they would rather have the celebration according to program.

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All residents within the city of Philadelphia and Camden may solicit new six months' subscriptions to the daily PUBLIC LEDGER and EVENING LEDGER up to and including May 30th, 1915. Every new six months' subscription to the PUBLIC LEDGER will entitle the contestant to 700 credits. Every new six months' subscription to the EVENING LEDGER will entitle the contestant to 300 credits. No money is to be collected for these new subscriptions. The authorized carrier collects each week on his regular collection day. Every new subscription for a period over six months must be paid for in cash. Credits for paid in advance subscriptions will be allowed at the following rate:

Table with 3 columns: Period, Public Ledger, Evening Ledger. Rows: 3 months (500, 250), 6 months (1000, 500), 9 months (1500, 750), 12 months (2000, 1000).

Details of the Contest

Subscription blanks will be supplied at the Ledger Circulation Department, second floor, Sixth and Chestnut streets. If you cannot apply in person, they will be mailed to you on request. This offer holds good only in the case of new subscriptions to the daily PUBLIC LEDGER or EVENING LEDGER. In other words, the names of the persons who are not at the present time regular subscribers of the daily PUBLIC LEDGER or EVENING LEDGER.

All orders will be thoroughly investigated by the actual bona fide new subscriptions to the PUBLIC LEDGER Circulation Department, and unless found to be LEDGER or EVENING LEDGER no credits will be allowed for them. Credits for paid-in-advance subscriptions will be allowed only when the money is sent or brought direct to the Ledger Circulation Department.

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All subscriptions from new readers residing outside of Philadelphia and Camden must be paid for in advance. Credits for paid in advance subscriptions will be allowed at the following rate:

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Longer term in same proportion. The rule requiring payment in advance for out-of-town subscriptions is due to the large area covered by the PUBLIC LEDGER and EVENING LEDGER circulation outside of Philadelphia and Camden. This condition makes it impossible for the Circulation Department of the Ledger to investigate personally and verify each new subscription, as is done in Philadelphia and Camden.

The transfer of credits will not be permitted. All credits in favor of any contestant must remain in the name of that contestant until the close of this contest.

And above all, if you are not one of the successful contestants for this tour, the PUBLIC LEDGER and EVENING LEDGER will pay you for all bona fide orders sent in by you at the regular newspaper's commission rates.

The standing of all the leading contestants, with the number of credits, will be printed in the PUBLIC LEDGER every Sunday, giving the standing up to the previous Friday.

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